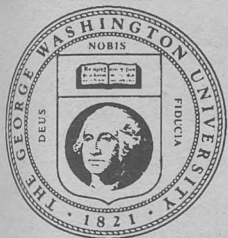


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McKenna, Gayoski sail to SA victory

President- and EVP-elects each get 40%; no run-off needed

BY KEVIN ECKSTROM
NEWS EDITOR

An exuberant Damian McKenna sailed to victory Thursday night to become the next president of the Student Association, beating out his five opponents and becoming the first presidential candidate since 1991 not to face a run-off election.

McKenna won with 41.1 percent of the total vote, receiving 1,059 votes and narrowly crossing the 40 percent threshold necessary to avoid a run-off.

In the race for executive vice president, Dianne Gayoski won an impressive 47.2 percent of the total vote with 1,060 votes. Jeff Carroll placed a distant second, receiving 21.9 percent with 491 votes. Shawn Stephens followed with 18.9 percent and 424 votes and graduate student Jared Skok trailed with 12 percent and 269 votes.

Elizabeth Alexander placed second in the race for SA president at 24 percent with a total of 618 votes. Packy Moran came in third with 449 votes, or 17.4 percent. Margaret Burke trailed with 10.5 percent at 270 votes, David Burns received 135 votes, placing at 5.2 percent and Oren Adelson finished last with 44 votes with 1 percent.

After the Joint Elections Committee announced McKenna's victory at 1:30 a.m. Friday morning, McKenna was swamped and lifted by throngs of his supporters after he knelt down and kissed the floor in J Street.

"In 1966 my dad was elected student body president of Georgetown," McKenna said later. "Oh Jesus, now I'm elected too!"

"I am so thankful. This is a dream a lot of people are sharing right now," he said. "I am going to be the best student body president this school has ever had ... and this will be the best student government in the country, I promise you."

McKenna said he had prepared for a run-off election next week but was "extremely relieved" to have won on the first ballot.

After achieving a dream he has held for more than five years, McKenna said he is eager to jump into the fray and launch his administration.

As for specifics, McKenna said there are "so many things I want to accomplish - check my platform."

Alexander, although disappointed, said the high turnout reflects a new interest in students as to what

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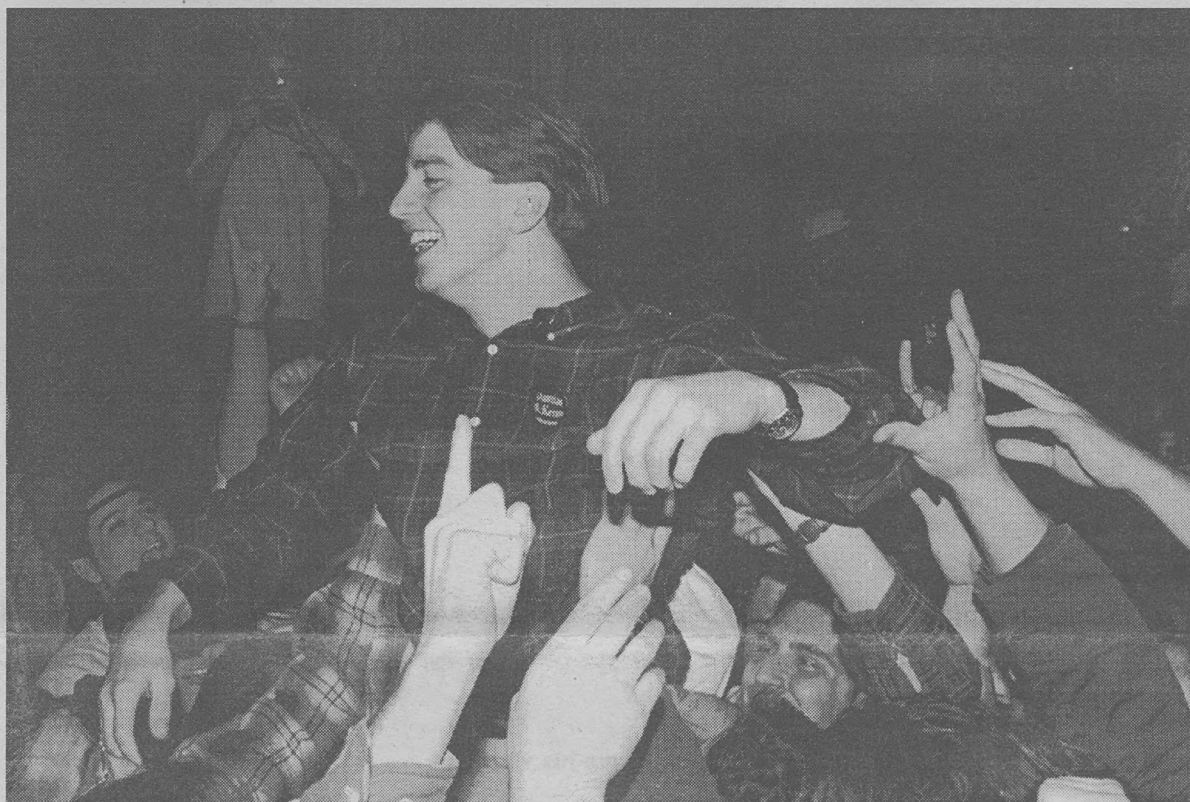


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Student Association President-elect Damian McKenna is hoisted in the air by a group of supporters after winning the election without a runoff.

Votes total third-highest ever

High Med School turnout works for McKenna, Gayoski

BY ANNE M. GLENZER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Students carefully dodged campaign palm-carders this week and flocked to the polls, pushing turnout numbers to the third highest in 13 years. But voter turnout this year totaling 2,767 students did not surpass the peak turnout of 1989, which boasted 3,261 voters.

Joint Elections Committee chairman Andy Hamilton called the turnout "tremendous" and "amazing for a GW election." He attributed the turnout to a number of factors, including the tight race for Student Association president, impressive and highly organized campaigns and good weather.

Hamilton said the JEC's advertising was also effective in increasing turnout. The rules for candidate sponsored advertising are specific and strict, he explained, adding that the JEC is allowed to advertise where the candidates legally cannot, such as in residence halls.

But he added the credit for turnout was due to the campaigns that effectively got the word out to the students.

SA President Mark Reynolds agreed, adding he believed turnout could have been higher if the campaigns did not "go negative," referring to letters to the editor placed in The GW Hatchet that he said negatively portrayed some candidates.

The question of student satisfaction for the SA was also a reason for high turnout, Reynolds said. "Candidates that ran on an anti-Student Association platform lost," he explained.

The votes at Ross Hall gave a heavy lead to SA President-elect Damian McKenna and executive vice

president-elect Dianne Gayoski. Of the 251 votes cast at Ross Hall, 231 went to McKenna and 215 went to Gayoski.

Emily Passeri won the School of Business and Public Management undergraduate senate seat with 43.9 percent of the 173 votes cast. Passeri picked up 76 votes, defeating Josh Savage, who received 31.2 percent (54 votes) and Leonard Semon with 24.9 percent (43 votes).

The School of Engineering and Applied Science undergraduate and graduate seats were unanimously won by undergraduate Sergio Yanes (63 votes) and graduate student J.P. Blackford (102 votes).

Rodney Salinas nearly won unanimously for Program Board chair with 1,418 votes. Salinas gave up two write-in votes to John Reidel and one write-in vote to Jay Zmhral.

Program Board vice-chair was picked up by Thanh Nguyen, who received 1,347 votes. Zmhral, who received one write-in for PB chair, also received one vote for vice-chair. Jason Toney also received one write-in vote.

Marvin Center Governing Board at large seat votes were fairly evenly split between the five candidates. The four seats were picked up by Kate Arnold with 21.6 percent (651 votes); Rusty Stahl with 21.5 percent (647 votes); Jonathan Pompan 21.4 percent (646 votes) and Rania Swadek 18.2 percent (548 votes). John Riba followed with 17.3 percent (523 votes).

Chris Ferguson won the MC Governing Board graduate seat with 162 of the 163 votes, defeating Brian King, who received the other vote.

The two GW Law School positions were won by Gregory Kelch and Frank Vitollo. Kelch and Vitollo

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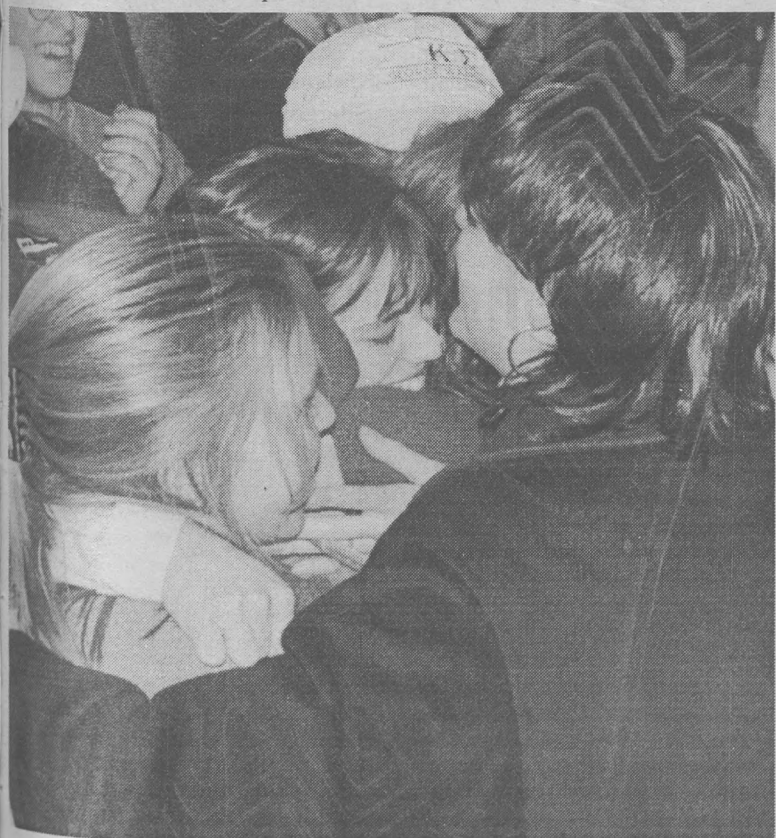
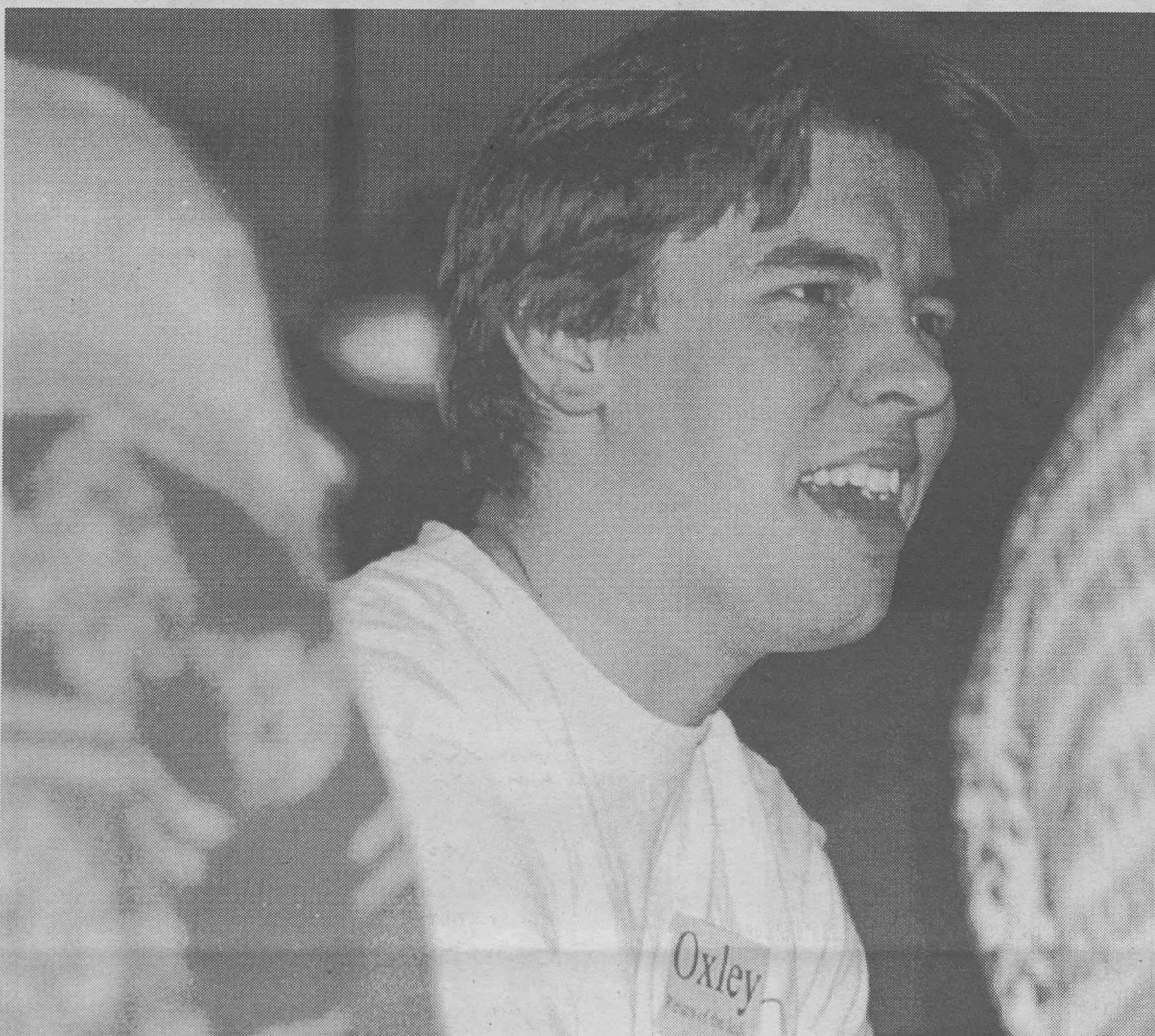


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Executive Vice President-elect Dianne Gayoski hugs her supporters as her victory is announced.

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Oxley, Greatman victorious in at large race



Undergraduate Sen.-elect Ben Oxley (at large) savors his victory.

Petron edged out in tight race, 100 votes short of undergraduate seat

BY MATT STUMPF
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Juniors Ben Oxley and Shana Greatman finished as the top two vote-getters in a tight three-way race, winning at large undergraduate seats in the Student Association Senate at the expense of third candidate David Petron.

With second and third places decided by a margin of less than 5 percent, the candidates' tension was thinly

masked as they fixed their eyes on the Joint Elections Committee announcer and on the crowd assembled. When the results were announced, a smile of relief spread on Greatman's face.

"I'm very pleased," Greatman said after receiving 32.3 percent of the vote. "I'm overwhelmed. I'm very pleased to be able to work with everyone who got elected tonight."

A collected, but relieved Oxley was also all smiles. "I think this election was a very good one," he said. "The students at GW are lucky. I don't think there were any bad candidates." Oxley received 39.6 percent of the vote.

As for third place finisher Petron, he seemed less interested in being consoled and more interested in celebrating SA President-elect Damian McKenna's victory.

"I'm not disappointed at all," Petron said, after receiving 27.7

percent, a mere 100 votes short of claiming a Senate spot. Instead, he placed more attention on the evening's marquis race. "I was with Damian in my heart, the whole time. I couldn't be more thrilled."

Before the election, the candidates in this race won notice by refusing to distribute costly and often annoying palm cards to voters. "We agreed to not hand them out to save ourselves time, money and paper," Oxley said.

But, according to Oxley, this decision was not without impact on the other two candidates. "I think it might have shifted attention to the posters, which gives me an advantage," he added that he

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—Sen.-elect Ben Oxley on how the candidates' agreement not to hand out palm cards helped him win.

used humor and graphics on his posters, often labeling himself a "Jedi Knight" to create a more interesting campaign.

Already, the winners are ready to delve into their duties as senators. Greatman's priorities include "leadership, development and improving communication between the students and the SA." Meanwhile, Oxley plans to focus on "renovating the SA office to make it more friendly to students." Also, he would like to update the SA's test file and make the SA "environmentally conscious."

Three students received write-in votes for the Senate at large undergraduate seat. Andy Norin received five, Mary Lister received two and David Eldred received one.

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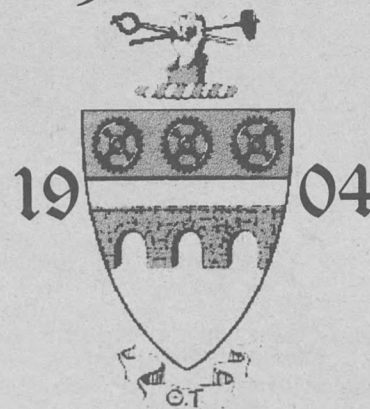
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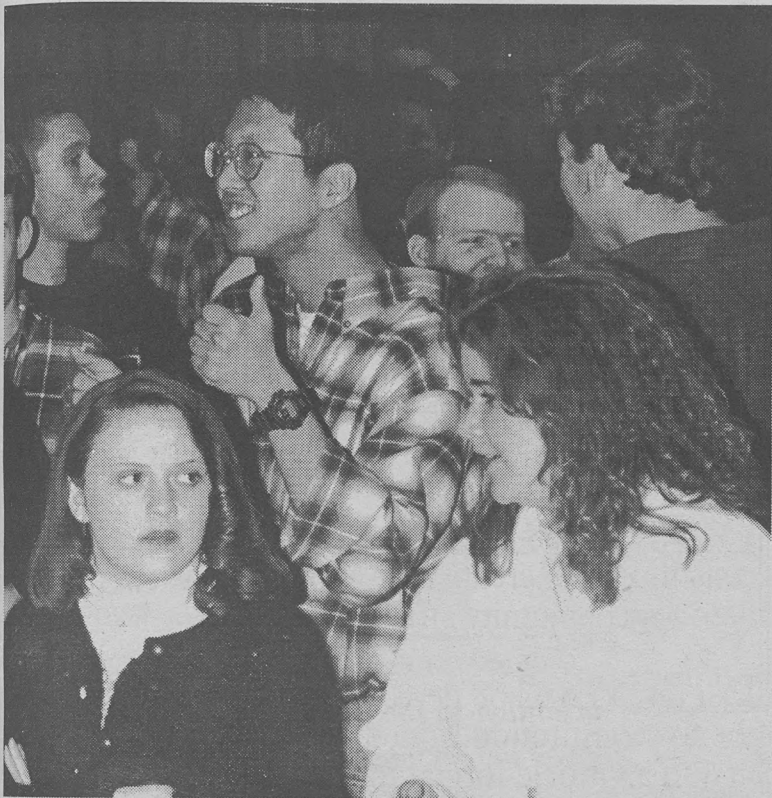


photo by Dave Flintzen

Undergraduate Sen.-elect Peter Kim (ESIA) gives a thumbs-up as he hears of his win in the Elliott School race.

ESIA senate seats go to Kim, Miller

Race was close with six candidates

BY ILENE CLAUSON
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Juniors Jason Miller and Peter Kim captured the two undergraduate Elliott School of International Affairs Senate seats with 16.5 and 15.3 percent of the vote, respectively.

Six students, including one write-in candidate, battled for the two seats.

With the increase in voter turnout this year and the presence of a write-in candidate, the race finished tightly. Minal Amin finished with 13.8 percent, sophomore incumbent Sen. Twinckle Vaidya followed with 12.9 percent, junior Harold Bollaci pulled in 11.4 percent and write-in candidate Mark Levin garnered 6 percent.

Kim greeted his victory with both excitement and lamentation - several of the other candidates he had supported did not win their elections. "As happy as I am, it is sad for me to see Elizabeth Alexander and Jeff Carroll go down to a tough defeat. (But) I congratulate Damian (McKenna) and Dianne (Gayoski)," Kim said.

Kim stressed his platform and emphasized his determination to achieve his goals. Academic and curriculum changes involving Dean Harry Harding and the ESIA administration top Kim's list, followed by an increase in student involvement.

"I'd like to get the ESIA to do more to involve the students, like speakers and forums in international affairs, international business and international economics," he said.

Kim added that he believes Harding needs to make more frequent appearances. "I think he can do more and I have no reason to believe otherwise," he said.

Kim said he believes he will have an interesting year in the Senate with new ideas and that he looks forward to working with McKenna and Gayoski. He added that hopes Alexander will learn how to get the vote out next year if she runs again, though.

Miller relied on his platform. "It speaks for itself with real ideas, real forums and new ideas to benefit the Elliott School and the whole University," he said.

Miller, who said he was pleased with the election, thought the race was professional. "It dealt with the issues," Miller said.

"A monthly newsletter to all ESIA students to let them know what the SA is doing and what I'm doing is important," Miller said of his plans for office. He plans to initiate office hours for students in Stuart Hall and like Kim, intends to get students involved in curriculum changes with discussion before the annual renewal of curriculum.

"We need to have the best classes for the students," he said.

The importance of student groups highlighted Miller's platform. Giving funds to student groups, co-sponsoring events and enhancing students' lives will be priorities during Miller's term.

Miller and Kim congratulated each other and said they look forward to combining their efforts in order to achieve many common goals to help ESIA students.

SBDM Undergrad (1 seat)

EMILY PASSERI
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ESIA Undergrad (2)

JASON MILLER
PETER KIM
MINAL AMIN
TWINCKLE VAIDYA
HAROLD BOLLACI
MARK LEVIN

SEAS Undergrad (1)

SERGIO YANES

At large Undergrad (2)

BEN OXLEY
SHANA GREATMAN
DAVID PETRON
ANDY NORIN

Program Board Chair

RODNEY SALINAS

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THANH NGUYEN

MCCB At large Undergrad (4)

KATE ARNOLD
RUSTY STAHL
JONATHAN POMPAN
RANIA SWADEK
JOHN RIBA

Other SA Races

MCCB Grad (1)

CHRIS FERGUSON

NLC (2)

GREGORY KELCH
FRANK VITOLLO

SEHD Graduate

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CSAS Graduate

SARANDIS PAPADOPOULOS

SMHS

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Voters approve three of four SA referenda

Community affairs VP position added; senators must stay in schools they represent; Constitution to get new format

BY BECKY NEILSON
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Three of the four referenda in this week's election were approved by the student body, the Joint Elections Committee announced early Friday morning.

In the only negative decision, students voted 720 to 549 not to eliminate the Student Association's vice president for student activities.

The other three referenda passed overwhelmingly, with more than 60 percent of voters approving each.

Referendum No. 2, which creates an SA vice president for community affairs, passed 878 to 407.

Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar, the current director of community affairs for the SA, said the creation of a cabinet level position is "important and necessary."

"I think it will ensure the stability of community affairs as a priority of the SA," he added. "It will continue to be important year after year."

Sixty-two percent of students voted yes on referendum No. 3, which will convert the SA constitution from its current numerical format to the article format of the United States constitution.

Almost 1,200 students approved the final referendum. It requires SA senators to be enrolled in the school or program they represent.

"Obviously, I wish that all the referenda had passed," SA president Mark Reynolds said. "The vice president for student activities is simply an unnecessary position."

"I'm very pleased that the students voted to create the vice president for community affairs," he added.

Reynolds said he felt the referenda may have been overlooked in a campaign that was so narrowly focused on candidates.

An average of 1,260 students cast votes for each of the referenda, out of a total turnout of 2,767 voters. Some voters said they missed the referenda entirely when voting, and some added that they didn't even know referenda were on the ballot.

In last year's election, students voted to eliminate the vice president for student activities in an identical referendum. However, the decision was overturned by the Student Court after allegations that the SA's advertisement of the referendum in The GW Hatchet was unconstitutional.

Reynolds said that after last year's events, he was unsure of how the SA could publicize the referenda without encountering conflict.

"I'd like to see the SA and the JEC work together to develop some kind of procedure to get the word out," Reynolds said.

JEC chairman Andy Hamilton agreed that there should be a better way to educate students about the referenda. He said there was a conflict in having the SA advocate something it wrote. However, he said it was not the responsibility of the JEC to publicize the referenda.

Referenda

No. 1: NO 57-43 percent. A motion to eliminate the position of SA vice president for student activities.

No. 2: YES 68-32 percent. A motion to amend the constitution to create a position for SA vice president for community affairs.

No. 3: YES 62-38 percent. A motion to convert the SA constitution from its current numerical format to an article format (similar to the U.S. Constitution).

No. 4: YES 88-12 percent. A motion that SA senators be enrolled in the school or program they represent.

WOW!

Three Hatchets in one week!

What a treat!

The GW Hatchet returns to its regular schedule Monday.



Not just palm cards anymore

Candidates coerce potential voters with creative campaigning

BY MICHELLE VON EUW
FEATURES EDITOR

Top 10 lists. Condoms and candy kisses. Break dancers outside the Marvin Center and men in boxer shorts threatening to strip if passersby don't vote for their candidates.

With more than 40 candidates running in the Student Association, Marvin Center Governing Board and Program Board elections, students feel as if they need to stand out. Palm carding alone just does not do it anymore. Many of the hopefuls resorted to using gimmicks.

The race for the Columbian School of Arts and Sciences Senate seats was hotly contested, with 16 candidates vying for four positions. With a limited amount of time and few opportunities to get their messages out, competitors for the seat resorted to rather interesting methods.

Freshman Robert Hryniewicki, who came in fifth in the race, resorted to extremely creative methods, from papering his fraternity house with posters to devising a much quoted "top 10 list" of reasons why students should vote for him, including: "7. Free tuition for everyone with the purchase of the salad bar" and "3. He'll change the name of Rice Hall to Pain in the Ass Hall."

"I've gotten many comments from people I don't know," Hryniewicki said. He said he devised his strategies with Howard Rosenblatt, who ran for executive vice president last year.

"We wanted to come up with something funny that would get

people's attention," he said.

Some of his friends brought a boom box to the Marvin Center Wednesday and danced to Led Zeppelin as a way to entice voters into the booth to "pull the lever quickie quickie, come on vote for Hryniewicki," as the candidate's slogan reads.

Their brazen display was countered by friends of Shane Morris, another CSAS candidate who failed to capture a seat. They stood outside the Marvin Center Wednesday with large boxes to collect discarded palm cards from other candidates. Omar Refai, a freshman, wore boxer shorts, a long stocking cap and a sign that read, "Vote for Shane Morris or the boxers come off next."

"It's necessary to draw attention to issues," Morris said. "If you don't get your name out, people are just going to vote for whoever and not the issues."

His opponent Hal Kanefsky, who won one of the four seats, agreed. "Name recognition is important," he said, adding that his first name is all over campus. Kanefsky said he has signs all over his car, and his younger brother Eric runs around campus with posters on his back.

"I have no gimmick, but I guess that's my gimmick," Kanefsky said.

Adam Siple, a freshman who garnered another of the seats, handed out fluorescent palm cards outside of Fonger Hall. Siple, who was disqualified earlier in the race, was reinstated by the Student Court Tuesday night.

"I am in an interesting situation," he said. "I couldn't start campaigning until two days ago, so I

got to splurge on the color."

Presidential candidates also did not shy away from using gimmicks to entice people to vote for them. Margaret Burke handed out 1,000 condoms to students with the message, "protect your future."

"We wanted to find something people would (notice)," Burke said.

Elizabeth Alexander distributed candy kisses Wednesday and tiny drink umbrellas Thursday. "Everyone gets lost in a sea of paper," Alexander supporter Nate Tamarin said.

"Elizabeth has a fresh outlook," Doug Miner said. "The umbrellas show that - but it is most important to talk to people, to talk up your candidate, not just hand them a card."

By Thursday, Packy Moran had stopped distributing palm cards and instead politely asked people whether they had voted.

Moran said his younger sister sent him two cases of Girl Scout cookies, which he distributed to potential voters. "I think they help draw people to the polls," he said. "But a kiss or a cookie won't convince any students to vote."

Some campaign veterans believe palm carding should be eliminated from all races. The three undergraduate at large Senate candidates decided collectively not to palm card.

"We're all really busy," David Petron said. He said that while their aims weren't that noble, "we are effectively taking people off the sidewalks."

"I think we should ban palm carding," Executive Vice President candidate Dianne Gayoski said as she passed them out.

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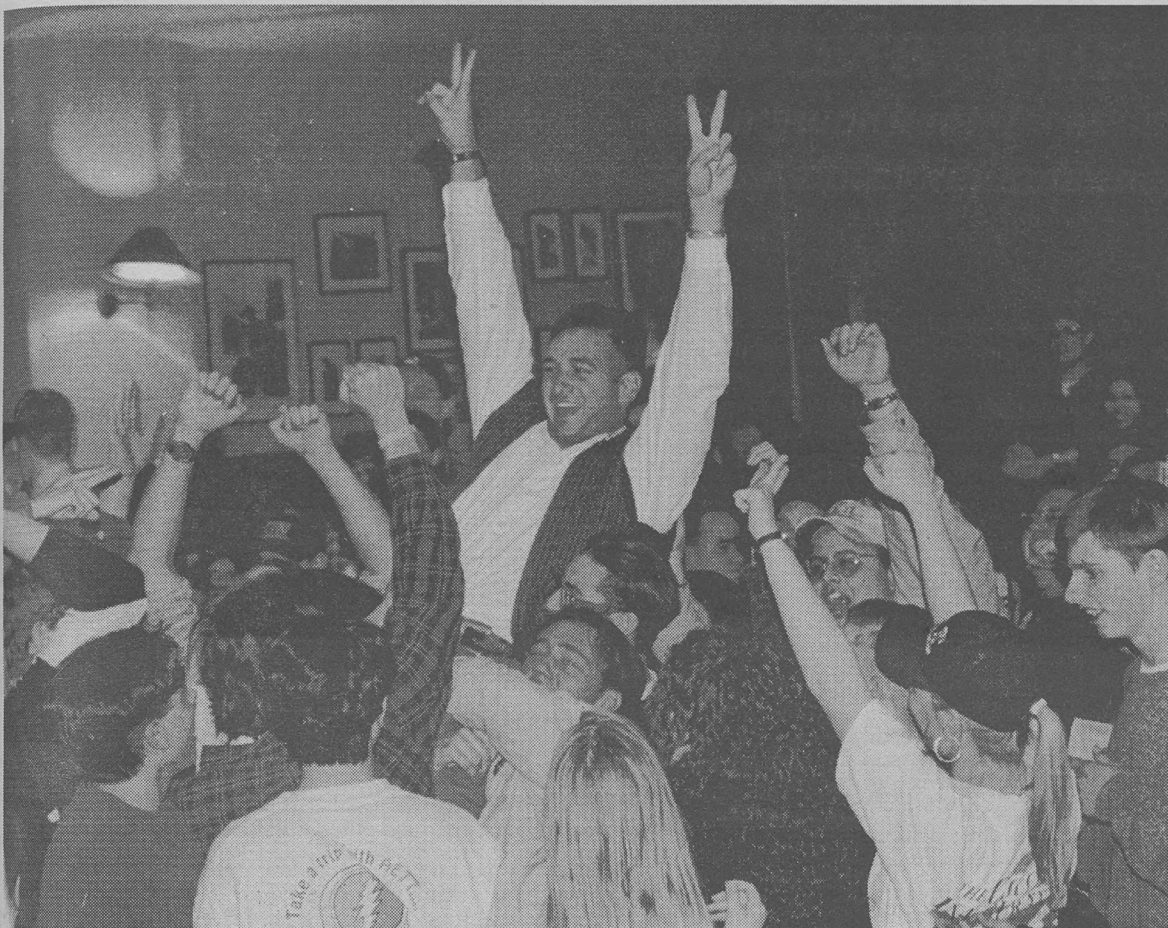


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Undergraduate Sen.-elect Hal Kanefsky (CSAS) gives the victory sign as a group of supporters throng around the first-place finisher.

Siple recovers to win seat

Kanefsky first; Potter and Rothenberg also in for CSAS

BY DONNA BRUTKOSKI
AND JARED SHER
HATCHET STAFF WRITERS

Just two days after the Student Court voted to reverse his disqualification from the ballot, freshman Adam Siple managed to turn his campaign around and win one of four undergraduate Senate seats in the Columbian School of Arts and Sciences.

Siple, who was fourth in a field of 16 with 9.2 percent of the vote, was joined in the

winner's circle by junior Hal Kanefsky, who won the race with 10.5 percent of the vote, as well as junior Lance Rothenberg and freshman Carrie Potter, who tied for second with 10.3 percent each.

"I guess it didn't hurt my campaign after all," Siple said after the vote was announced in J Street. He thanked supporters who he said stuck with him during his ordeal with the Student Court appeal.

The Joint Elections Committee threw Siple off the ballot last week after he missed a mandatory election hearing Feb. 20. But Siple appealed the decision, first to the JEC and then to the Court, saying he had made a "good-faith effort" to contact JEC members and provide a proxy. The Student Court voted 2-1 to restore his name to the ballot in time for the beginning of elec-

tions Wednesday.

Kanefsky, who garnered first place by narrowly winning the Marvin Center and Fungur Hall, credited his victory to the huge number of people he had working for him.

"I'm on top of the world," he said, adding that "everything I wanted to happen tonight happened."

Kanefsky said that with 16 people in the race, it was difficult to predict the outcome.

-CSAS Sen.-elect Adam Siple

"But with the number of people I had working ... there was no way I could have lost. It was just a matter of place. I'm glad I came in first."

Potter, who ran a joint campaign with fellow freshman Siple, got the most votes in Thurston Hall. She left J Street due to illness shortly after the vote was announced, but Siple praised his "running mate" for proving teamwork is effective.

"I can't explain what we had to overcome," Siple said.

Incumbent Sen. Rothenberg was first in the Hall of Government and posted second-place showings in the Marvin Center and Fungur Hall. He said he was surprised at the outcome, considering he hardly campaigned at all.

"I relied on my past record and name exposure," he said. "I came (to the Marvin Center) not think-



photo by Tyson Trish

Terry Goddard (r.) reacts to loss in CSAS race.

ing I was going to win. I'm glad to be back."

Freshman Robert Hryniewicki came in fifth place with nine percent of the vote, just nine votes shy of gaining a seat on the Senate. Only the top four CSAS candidates earn Senate seats.

Shane Morris came next in sixth place, followed by Seth Jackson, Terry Goddard, Mike Hoover, Ivan Urlaub, Jeff Baxter, Michael Henson, Jason Delp, Martin Baker, Mark Wellman and Nellie Rohlich.

Voters hit polls in force as turnout nears record

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received 67 votes each. King received five votes, while Joseph Mastrosimone and Tim Smith received two votes each. Steve Colon, Daniel Fiddler, Carl Kukkan, Mike Vollen and David Zukerman each received one vote.

Seven graduate student seats were unanimously won with write-in ballots. Barbara Mosseau won the School of Education and Human Development graduate

seat with one vote.

Sarandis Papadopoulos won the Columbian College graduate seat with one vote. The School of Medicine and Health Sciences Senate seats were won by Greg Curvan, who received 24 votes, and Nick Cohen, who received one vote. The School of Business and Public Management seats were won by David Cleary, Scott Haggard and Rich Wilkie, who received five votes each.

Voter Turnout Throughout History.

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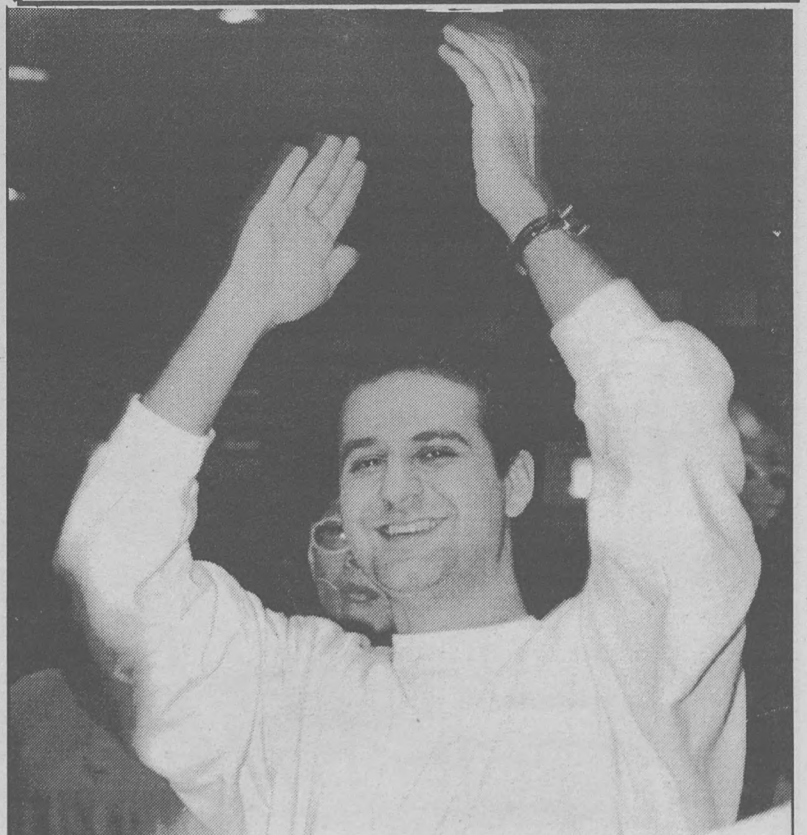
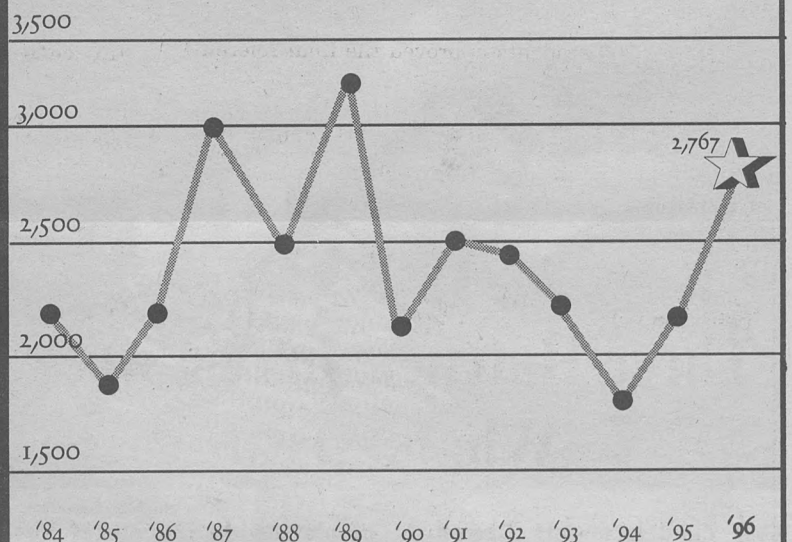


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SA Director of Community Affairs Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar was happy to hear that his job will be a Cabinet position next year.

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Students catapult McKenna, Gayoski to SA without runoff

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the SA does.

Pointing out that many good ideas were raised during the campaign, Alexander said, "I hope Damian uses them."

Alexander, a sophomore, thanked her supporters and even looked to next year's elections, when she could run again.

"I'll have a lot of time to think about it," she said.

Moran, who ran as an outsider-alternative to the current SA, said his message "helped to bring out a group of people who otherwise wouldn't have voted."

Moran said his supporters, along with those who voted for Burke and Burns, are the "under-utilized, under-informed and realistic people on campus ... which is not to say the other leaders on this campus are not realistic, it's just that we know a lot more about campus unity because we know a

lot more different people."

Although he lost, Moran said he hopes his proposals will find a home in McKenna's SA. But he said he doubts McKenna will spend the money needed for the Campus Extension Program and University Bulletin, both main planks of his platform.

Neither Burns, Burke nor Adelson were present at the JEC announcements and could not be reached for comment.

Gayoski savored victory after being mobbed by several screaming supporters, their screams nearly drowning out the JEC's announcement of her victory.

Attributing her win to "knowing a lot of people and having them come through for me," Gayoski said exit poll results in The GW Hatchet on Thursday that placed her in first place affirmed her support across campus.

"I took (the poll results) with a

grain of salt," Gayoski said, but added that the polling results gave her a stronger support system for campaigning during the two-day election.

Gayoski said her first priority as EVP will be to ensure greater communication between students and the administration, especially in issues concerning financial aid.

"I want to make sure every student knows where their financial aid package is at any given time in the process," she said.

Carroll, on the other hand, sounded a more pessimistic note, saying Gayoski merely won a popularity contest with help from the Greek-letter community.

"Unfortunately, it's just like high school here," Carroll said. "It's not about who had the better ideas or platforms. Obviously this campus doesn't give a shit about someone who really cares about the issues ... this campus doesn't give a shit about anything."

Carroll said the election shows the SA continues to be dominated by "insiders that can run everything ... no one has any idea what they (the SA) do and apparently things don't change. Hopefully next year things will change."

Hoping his supporters don't become "bitter," Carroll said the 52.8 percent that "didn't vote for Gayoski" must help to "change the system."

Stephens said the final vote for EVP was "pretty decisive," noting that Gayoski had "a lot of support" and saying that she will do a "great job" as EVP.

Stephens said he would like to stay involved in the SA next year as Senate parliamentarian "if they'll have me."

Skok, who failed in his second run for the job of EVP, congratulated Gayoski but said, "I wasn't looking to win."

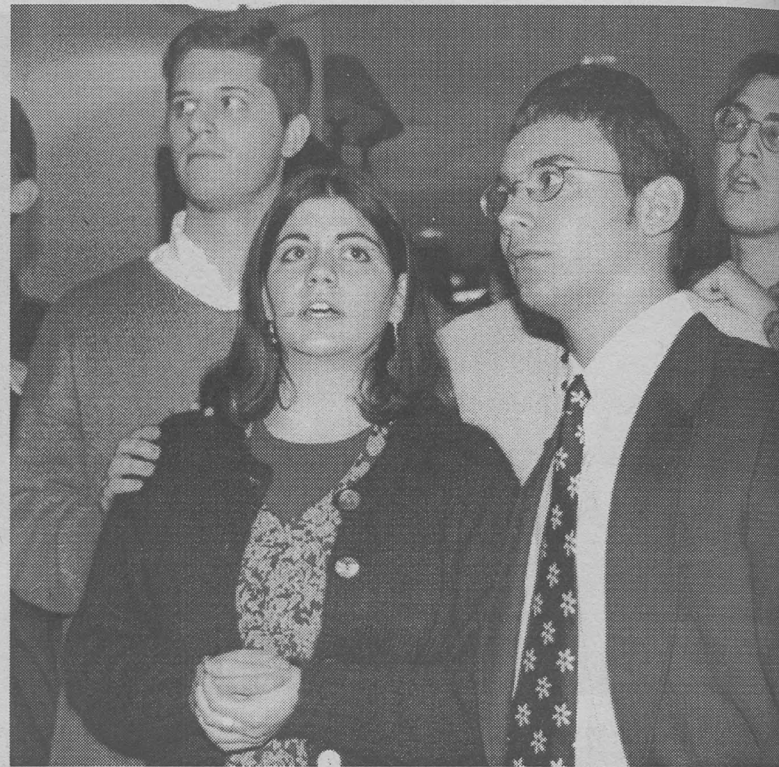


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Elizabeth Alexander is consoled by supporters Scott Slifka (l.) and Nate Tamarin as she learns of her second-place finish in the presidential race.

"Actually, I think it would have been nice if I won because I think I was the most qualified candidate," Skok said, "but obviously the people's vote is out there and they know who they want."

Skok said he would like to stay involved in the SA next year, hoping to "gobble up one of those vice presidential spots (in the SA cabinet)."

More than 2,700 students voted in the election, one of the highest turnouts in recent election history. JEC Chair Andy Hamilton called the turnout "terrific" and member Lawrence McNamara said it marks a turning point for GW.

"It shows how politically motivated the campus has become," McNamara said. "GW students can no longer be labeled as apathetic." Although the JEC issued more

candidate fines this year than in years past, McNamara said this was one of the smoothest elections he's seen. He attributed this year's success to the hard work of JEC members from the SA, Program Board and Marvin Center Governing Board.

McKenna is the first candidate to win the presidential election after having received an endorsement from The GW Hatchet in six years, thus removing a fabled curse. Not since 1990, when John David Morris won, has a candidate won after having received the endorsement.

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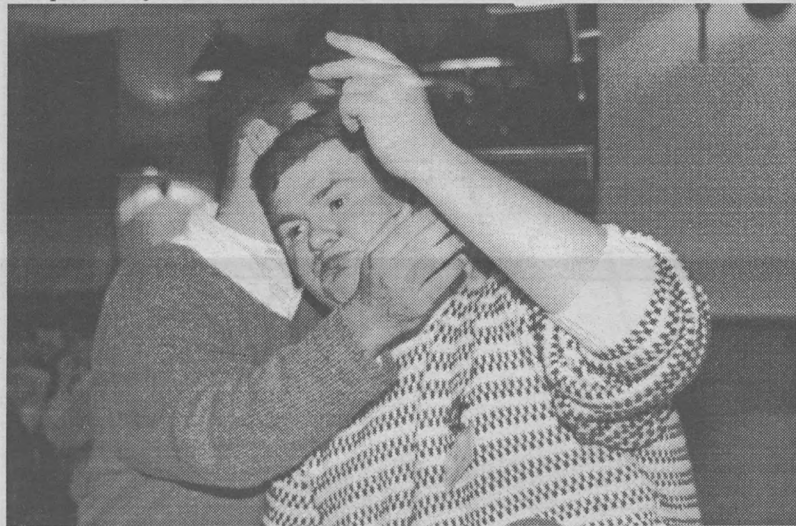


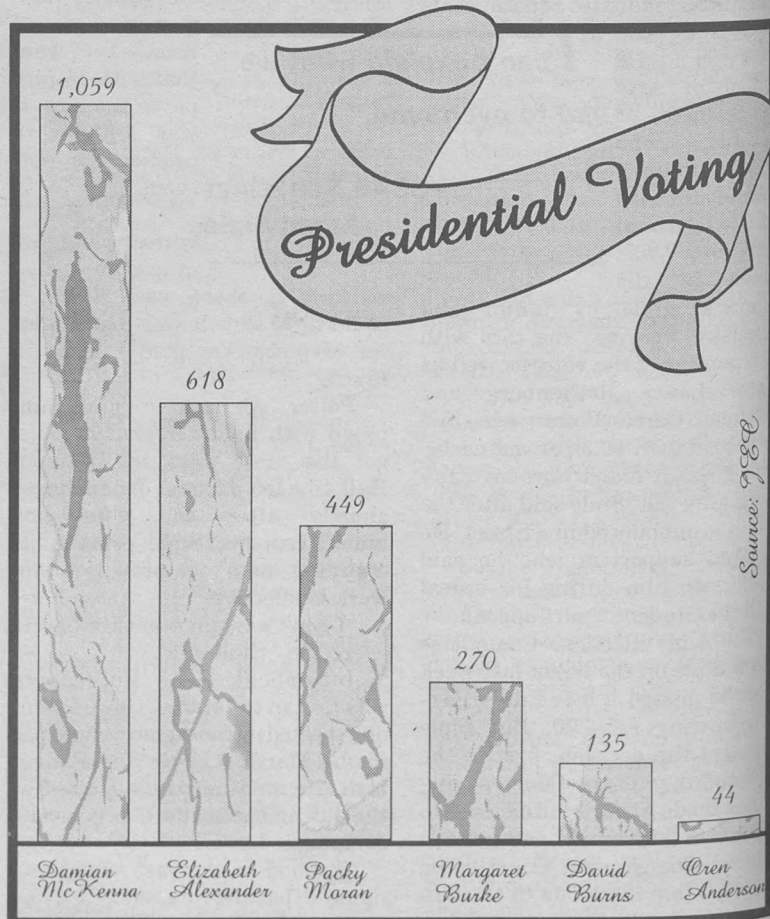
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EVP candidate Jeff Carroll is comforted by supporter Josh Rosenzweig. Carroll finished a distant second behind Dianne Gayoski.

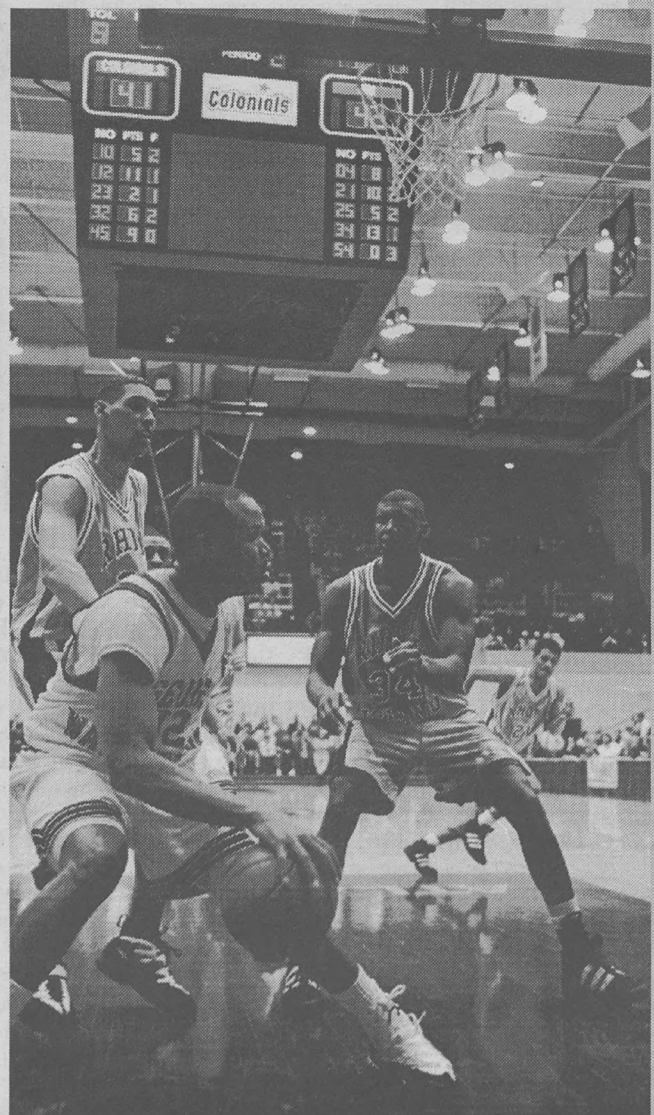
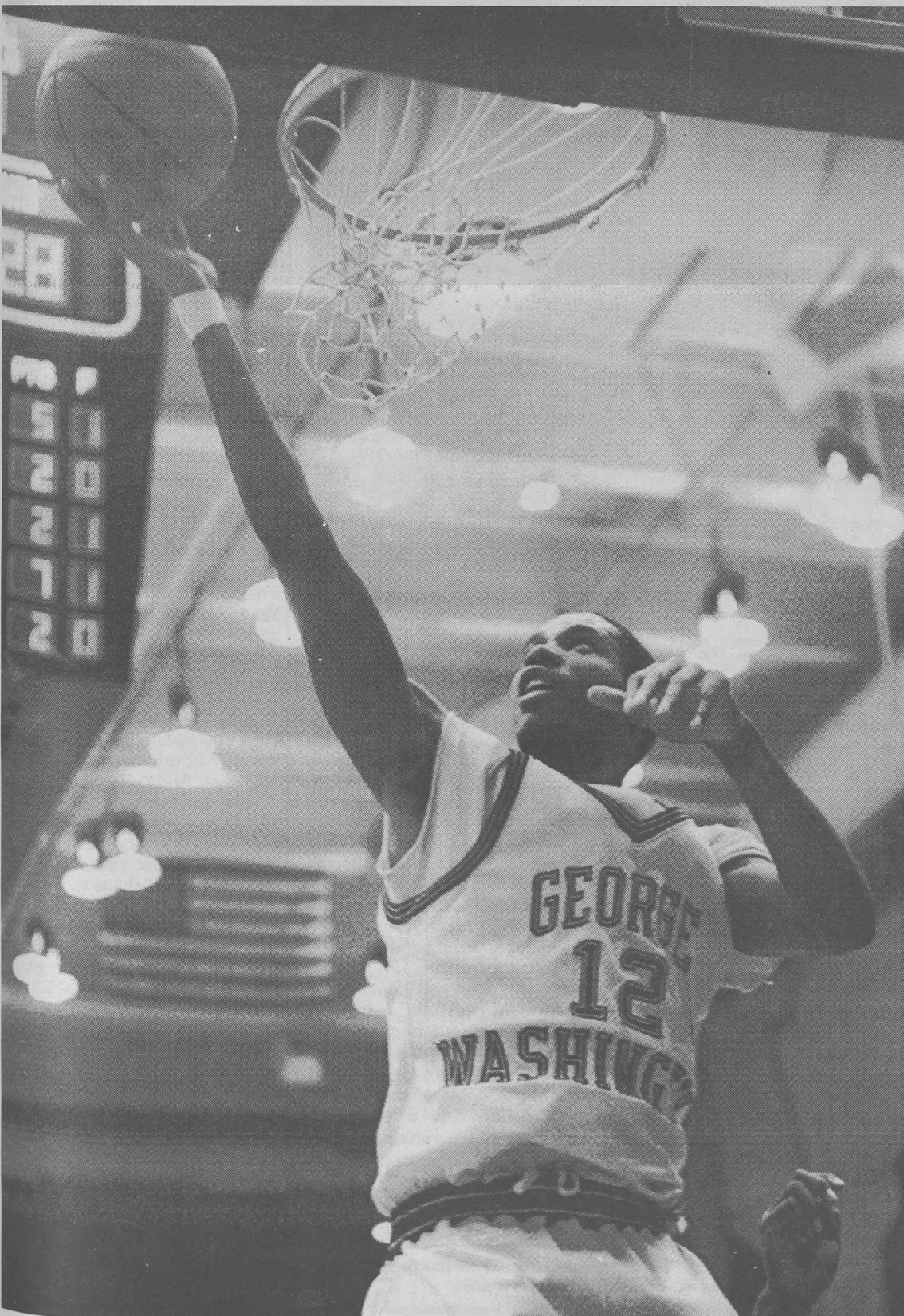
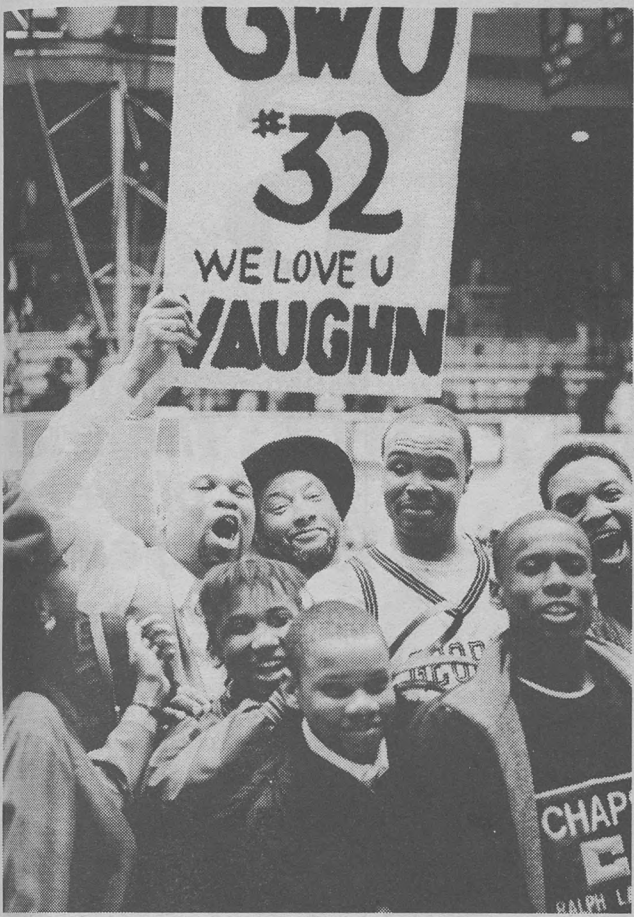


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Shawn Stephens hears the news that he finished third in the EVP race.



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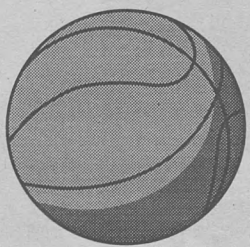
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Senior experience helps Colonials survive Rhode Island scare, 76-72

Evans, Jones and Koul lead team to undefeated Smith Center season

BY JIM GERAGHTY
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The calendar read Feb. 29, but the attitude of March Madness came a day early to the Smith Center.

GW's senior co-captains Kwame Evans and Vaughn Jones said farewell to their home court in dramatic fashion by leading the Colonials to a hair-raising, white-knuckle, last-minute victory over the Rams of Rhode Island.

"It was real nice for me and Vaughn to go out like this," Evans said. "It's only fitting, seeing how Vaughn and I were supposed to be the foundation and that we've been through the good times and the bad times."

Despite the energized sell-out crowd of 5,454 that packed the student section and waved signs saying "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" and "We Luv U Vaughn," GW played flat in the early moments.

"It was difficult with it being senior night, and I think everybody tried a little too hard," head coach Mike Jarvis said.

The one part of the contest GW controlled was the inside game and the boards, led by with the outstanding play of center Alexander Koul. He led the team with 28 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks. He was also 14-18 from the free throw line.

"(Koul's performance) happened because it was necessary," Jarvis said. "He finally listened to his coach and followed through on his free throws. If he would just play more than 20 minutes a night, he could do that every night," Jarvis

said, joking about Koul's frequent foul trouble.

The two Atlantic 10 rivals battled evenly throughout the second half. Neither team could build a lead greater than four points, and the score was tied 15 times in the game. GW's shots kept hitting the rim and bouncing away. The Colonials shot only 43.9 percent, but the defense kept URI shooting 36.6 percent.

The Colonials trailed 69-68 with 3:27 remaining when Jones hit a short jumper to give GW the lead again. His shot was the last of the game, as officials Phil Bova, Mike Sanzere, Robert Donato blew their whistles throughout the final minutes, and the game was decided at the foul line.

"I was just praying for Sasha to make those free throws," said a relieved Jones after the game.

Koul's poise at the line gave GW a two-point lead, 74-72. URI's Preston Murphy then put Evans to the line with a chance to ice it.

Evans' first shot clanked off the rim, stirring cries of agony from the GW fans. However, a Ram was called for a lane violation, giving the Colonials' leading scorer another two chances. Evans sunk both, and GW held the four-point lead.

The game had a slightly sad meaning for the seniors, especially for Jones, who grew up in Washington. He said this would probably be his last game in his home town - "unless the Bullets take me," Jones said with a laugh.

"I mean, Wizards. Or Sea Dogs," he joked.

The win raises GW's record to a

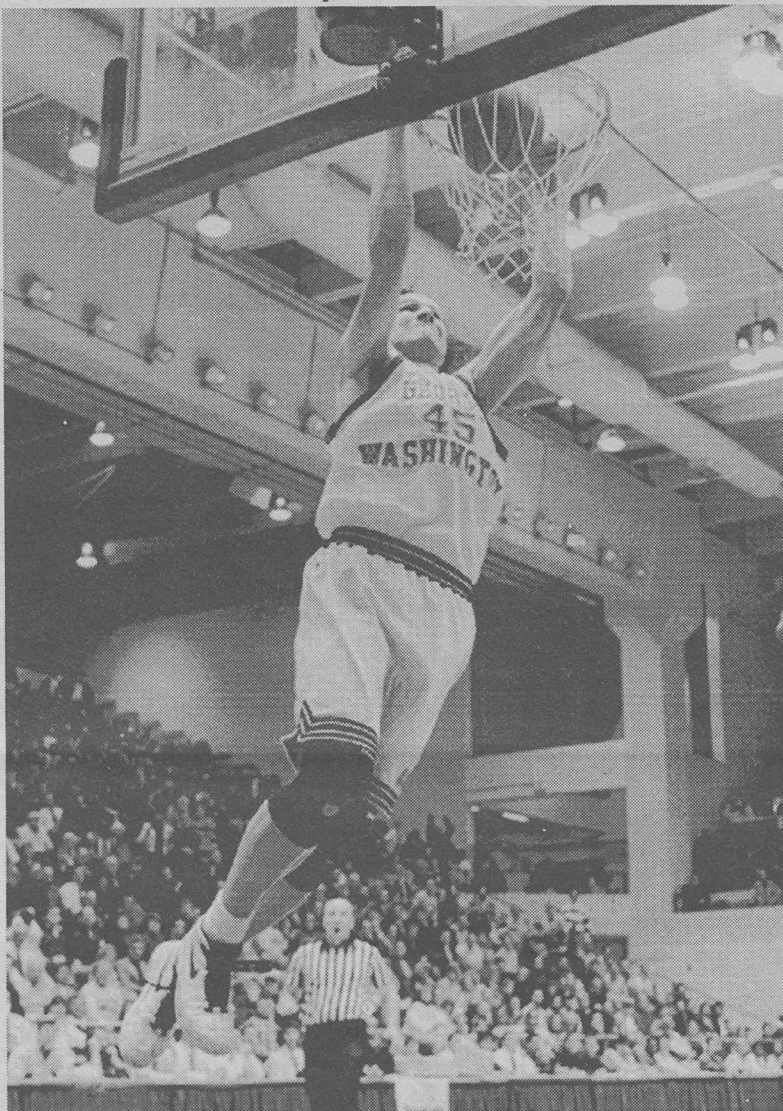


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Alexander Koul jams with authority for two of his 28 points against Rhode Island.

magical 20-5, 13-2 in the A-10, helping its chances for a bid to the NCAA Tournament. Rhode Island saw its chances for the big dance collapse, as the Rams dropped to 15-12, 7-8 in the conference.

With the win, the Smith Center became one of the elite home courts in college basketball - one of the few to have both its men's and women's basketball teams undefeated at home.

GW tennis team on fire, hopes for NCAA bid

BY BEN ROSENZWEIG
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The GW men's tennis team stretched its winning streak to six games by beating Cornell University last weekend in convincing fashion. The Colonials did not drop one set in the entire team competition.

With his team undefeated in the spring and the lineup playing well from No. 1 player Yuval Karutzky to Evan Harte No. 6, head coach Joe Mesmer sees the NCAA tennis tournament as a realistic goal.

"Right now we are playing well together, handling a Cornell team previously ranked at No. 12 in our region. If we continue to win and beat teams in the coming weeks like Penn State, Princeton and Virginia Tech, it could put us at number four in the region, giving us a NCAA bid," Mesmer said.

Two players who have been involved with

the team's recent success are Scott Lowder, who has not lost a match in the spring season, and Brad Shafran, who won 6-0, 6-0 in his singles match against Cornell. Their play has solidified the middle of GW's lineup.

"The Cornell match wasn't the toughest match we've had, but it was a good confidence builder since it was the first competition in three weeks since we beat Rutgers. It will help us get ready for the tougher teams in our schedule," Lowder said.

Another positive for Mesmer's team is the strong play during the doubles competitions. Roni Biron, the No. 2 player on the team, played with Lowder against Cornell. The two won their match 8-1.

"When we play well in the doubles, it gives us an early advantage in team competitions. If we win the doubles point, then we only have to win three out of the six singles matches instead of four," Biron said.

Karutzky attributed the team's recent success to not only the doubles play, but also to Mesmer's young recruits. "With Lowder, Anders Bergkvist and Evan Harte improving with more experience over this season, making us stronger and deeper, we have become a better team," he said.

Even though all three are sophomores or freshmen, their play has made the bottom of GW's lineup a tough assignment for opponents.

GW will next take its six-game winning streak up against St. Bonaventure March 1 and Howard University March 6. Those matches are followed by Penn State March 9.

Penn State, with its No. 3 ranking in the region, will be a good benchmark for how well GW is playing.

"If everyone keeps playing hard in practice and we come together as a team, we can beat a quality team like Penn State, putting ourselves into good position with the Atlantic 10 tournament coming up," Mesmer said.

Blowing the Whistle

T.J.: The true A-10 player of the year

Before I begin spewing forth my displeasure with the coaches of the Atlantic 10 Conference, let me first offer some praise to some of the members of the GW women's basketball team.

Congratulations to Tajama Abraham for making the A-10 first team all-conference. It gave me great pleasure as a fan to see her dominate opponents the way she did this year.

Congratulations to Lisa Cermignano for making the A-10 third team all-conference. She has stepped up her game this year.

Congratulations to Mandisa Turner for making the A-10 all-rookie team. We have seen only a glimpse of this player's potential.

Congratulations to point guard Colleen McCrea, who was named to the A-10 all-academic team. Obtaining a 3.76 GPA while a member of a Division I powerhouse is no easy feat.

And congratulations to Myriah Loneragan for being a great leader this season. She is the heart and soul of the Colonial Women, yet was astonishingly snubbed by the A-10 coaches. I can't wait until she sticks it to them at the conference championships this weekend.

All congratulations aside, it is time for me to start a brief tirade. On Wednesday, Korie Hlede, the Duquesne sophomore who led the conference in scoring this season, was named the A-10 Player of the Year. Hlede is a great player and deserves to be on the first team all-conference. But for the coaches of the league to vote her Player of the Year is a travesty.

Sure, Hlede scores a lot, but does she dominate the game in the way Abraham does? Not by a long shot. And if Hlede is so good, why is her team only 13-13, 8-8 A-10, while GW is 22-6, 14-2 in the conference? Just because Hlede is her team's most valuable player shouldn't mean she is the MVP of the whole conference.

Abraham is the complete package. She is third in the A-10 in scoring with 18.6 per game, first in rebounding with 9.3 per game, first in field goal percentage at 57.1 percent and first in blocks with 2.74 blocks per game. Hlede's numbers do not compare.

So the coaches in the A-10 deserve a wake-up call. Maybe it will come in two weeks when Abraham and the Colonial Women will be playing in the NCAA Tournament, while Hlede and her meager Duquesne squad will be sitting at home watching it on TV.

-Matt Bonesteel